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SUBJECT: PROPOSED INTER-AMERICAN MEETING OF TRANSPORTATION
MINISTERS

REF: STATE 212068

ATTENTION: MR. WILSON, USOAS

1. EMBOFF UNABLE TO CONTACT DE MARCHI, WHO HAS NOT BEEN IN
OFFICE FOR LAST TWO DAYS, AND ON SEPTEMBER 12 RELATED SUBSTANCE
OF REFTEL TO HIS SENIOR AIDE, MRS. ANDOLFI.

2. EMBOFF FURTHER QUERIED MRS. ANDOLFI AS TO WHEN AGENDA FOR
PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION MINISTERS MEETING WOULD BE AVAILABLE
AND ASKED IF DE MARCHI HAD RECEIVED ANY POSITIVE REPLIES TO
PROPOSAL. SHE REPLIED THAT TO DATE ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHILE,
URUGUAY AND MEXICO HAD REPLIED POSITIVELY. WITH RESPECT TO
AGENDA, SHE STATED THAT IT HAD BEEN CONSIDERED UNLIKELY AGENDA
WOULD BE DEVELOPED BEFORE MEETING:

3. COMMENT: DESPITE MRS. ANDOLFI'S POSITIVE STATEMENT AS TO
NUMBER OF ACCEPTANCES, WE ARE NOT AT ALL CONVINCED HER INFORMA-
TION IS ACCURATE AS IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR
HILL, GOA TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY EXPRESSED IGNORANCE OF CURRENT
ACTIVITIES OF DE MARCHI ON THE PARCA. FURTHER, AS DATE FOR
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PROPOSED MEETING DRAWS CLOSER, IT APPEARS MORE EVIDENT THAT

DE MARCHI HAS DONE LITTLE TO TRANSFORM HIS GRANDILOQUENT
SCHEMES INTO REALITY. UNLESS DEPARTMENT DEVELOPS INFORMATION
FROM OTHER POSTS INDICATING MEETING WORTHWHILE, E.G., VENEZUELAN
GOVERNMENT DEVELOPING SERIOUS AND STAFFED OUT AGENDA FOR MEETING,
POSSIBILITY THAT DE MARCHI WILL COME UP WITH ANYTHING WORTHWHILE
VERY REMOTE.
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